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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Professor to discuss teaching abroad

Warsaw attorney David C. Kolbe will offer a presentation at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. The evening will begin with a meal at 6 p.m. Reservations at no charge would be appreciated by calling 765-310-1391. The public is welcome.

Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th Annual Winter Gala

The gala will take place Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-563-1128.

February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to

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Local first-responders to apply for state Narcan grant

Naloxone to be distributed through ISDH program

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local first-responder agencies, including the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, will once again be applying for a state grant to purchase Narcan nasal spray.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is accepting grant applications through Sunday, Feb. 2 for Opioid Rescue Kits.

Local use

In response to a Plain Dealer

Goals of the grant

The goal of this grant is to

er request Monday, Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker stated they have applied for this grant this year and have received it for several years.

"We get 50 doses per grant cycle," he stated. "I don't have the numbers of doses used. They can be a very effective tool for our deputies to potentially save a life."

Narcan (naloxone HCl) nasal spray is used for the treatment of an opioid emergency or a possible opioid overdose with signs of breathing problems and severe sleepiness or not being able to respond, according to manufacturer Adapt Pharma.

expand the participation of naloxone kit programs and distribution of Opioid Rescue Kits among local health departments (LHDs), according to the ISDH.

"LHDs are highly encouraged to collaborate with their county jails for this opportunity. Jails in the county will be able to receive doses through the LHD to give to incarcerated persons upon their release," stated the ISDH. "Doses will be available on a first come first serve basis. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but entities are encouraged to apply early in the year to guarantee doses for their organization."

In response to a recent Plain Dealer request, Megan

Wade-Taxter, media relations specialist at the ISDH, stated that over the course of the two grant cycles, three Wabash County first-responder agencies have applied and received a naloxone grant.

"Only first-responder agencies are eligible to apply. The following types of agencies (paid or volunteer) are considered first-responders under this grant: law enforcement, fire, EMS agencies, corrections, parole officers and schools," she stated. "This grant is important because it gives free naloxone to first-responder agencies in rural Indiana counties."

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Huntington man named top Collegiate Music Educator

By **JAMES EHLE**
Huntington Herald-Press

Scott Humphries of Huntington was named 2020 Outstanding Collegiate Music Educator by the Indiana Music Education Association following a nomination by one of his own students.

"It's an honor," Humphries said. "Considering that I was nominated by a student, it's a wonderful feeling and you've got to be proud of it, but at the same time it's rewarding to know you're having that impact on your students."

Humphries is an assistant professor of music and director of instrumental studies and music education at Manchester University where he conducts the university's bands. Humphries also conducts the Manchester Symphony Orchestra is the principal conductor of the Fort Wayne Area Community Band.

"I'm just a busy person," said Humphries. "A lot of people don't know how I juggle everything that I do, but I just do it. It's my passion and I think that shows through all of the work that I do."

Humphries has been an educator at Manchester University since 2008. He says his favorite part about being a music educator is investing in the next generation of directors.

"Training the next generation of band, choir and music directors is the most rewarding part, that's really why I took this particular job," said Humphries.

Nominated by Harley Ramsey, a senior majoring in instrumental music education, Humphries accept-



Provided photo

EDUCATOR: Scott Humphries of Huntington was named 2020 Outstanding Collegiate Music Educator by the Indiana Music Education Association following a nomination by one of his own students.

ed the award Jan. 17 at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne.

"Scott Humphries always pushes us to be our best, whether that's in our personal life or through our music career," Ramsey said. "Since my first year, Scott has always said that his passion was teaching kids. However, his ultimate

goal is teaching the undergraduate level in ways he wishes he was taught."

Humphries is currently working to launch the Spartan Regiment, Manchester University's new marching band, which will take the field next fall in the new athletic stadium, currently under construction at the North Manchester campus.

Humphries served as a graduate assistant with the marching band at Virginia Tech, where he earned his master's degree in music curriculum and instruction. He earned his doctorate in music education from Boston University.

James Ehle, Huntington Herald-Press Editor, may be reached by email at jehle@h-ponline.com.

MSD to host community presentations

Community presentations will be offered Feb. 17 and 27

By **STAFF REPORT**

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting Community Presentations to share updates on their Strategic Plan, according to Laura Langebartels, director of communication and community engagement.

Two opportunities to join the community presentations will be offered:

■ 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday,

Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

■ 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

The presentations will be led by Mike Keaffaber, superintendent, and Tim Drake and Dr. Chris Kuhn, assistant superintendents.

"Updates on the Strategic Plan priorities created by MSDWC in August 2019 will be the focus," stated Langebartels.

Those priorities include:

1. Develop and enhance quality programs to improve

student achievement.

2. Attract and retain students to increase enrollment.

3. Ensure fiscal responsibility and stability.

4. Provide safe and efficient learning environments. "MSD of Wabash County is in exciting times with opportunities afforded to us by the entire staff working together. After the Strategic Plan priorities were developed, we started collecting information in the pursuit to inform our staff and public," stated Keaffaber. "During the process, it has been very rewarding to document

the many successes of our School District. We trust you will be able to attend one of our community presentations. Dream big, work hard!"

"All community members are welcome to join these information-packed sessions which will be held in the schools' auditoriums," stated Langebartels.

A survey will be offered at the end of the presentation for providing comments and feedback.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

More details of Wabash Kiwanis Club's 100th Anniversary Gala released

Riley Hospital for Children Fundraiser includes reverse raffle, auction, donations

By **STAFF REPORT**

Tickets are being sold for the Wabash Kiwanis Club's 100th Anniversary Gala next month and new details have been confirmed to help raise funds for Riley Hospital for Children, according to a press release.

The gala, which will take place the evening of Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center's Legacy Hall, "will serve primarily as a celebration of all of the good that the local service organization has done for the community and world in its century of existence, which began on Jan. 30, 1920," according to the release.

"In that spirit, the event will also serve as a fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis," stated the release. "For more than 90 years, there's been a deep relationship between the Kiwanis Indiana District and Riley, dating back to before the hospital's doors were even open to Hoosier children. Local families who have benefited from the hospital will also be in attendance to share their

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RiverScape to celebrate 10 years of Healthy Rivers Initiative

Former Gov. Mitch Daniels to be honored

By **STAFF REPORT**

Wabash River Development and Beautification (WRDB), commonly known as RiverScape, will celebrate 10 years of the Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI) during a winter luncheon Thursday, Jan. 30 at The Landing at Fort Harrison, located on the Wabash River in Terre Haute, according to a press release.

Attendees are asked to arrive around 11 a.m. The program will start at 11:30 a.m. and conclude around 1 p.m. Visit wabashriverscape.org/winter-luncheon for tickets.

HRI, which is the largest land conservation initiative to be undertaken in Indiana, was announced in June 2010. It includes a partnership of resource agencies and organizations that work with willing landowners to permanently protect more than 43,000 acres along the Wabash River and Sugar Creek in west-central Indiana.

The luncheon will be kicked off with recognition of former Gov. Mitch Daniels, now president of Purdue University.

"Daniels was instrumental in establishing HRI. He will be presented with an award from RiverScape and will give remarks," stated the release.

Joining Daniels will be Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Cameron Clark, who also will provide remarks.

Other honored guests will include representatives of The

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Clara J. Reece

July 9, 1929 – Jan. 27, 2020

Clara J. Reece, 90, of Peru, passed away at 3:20am on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Peru.

She was born in Hendersonville, North Carolina on July 9, 1929 to Robert and Sleta (Clingenpeel) McMinn. She married Nolan L. Reece, and he preceded her in death. Clara worked as a catalog clerk at J.C. Penney. She had an uncommonly good sense of humor and a sharp wit – she brought laughter to people. She was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Jeffery (Anita) Reece of Granger, Indiana, and Susan Reece of Columbus, Ohio; and grandchildren Michael Reece and Megan Reece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and siblings George Robert, Clarence Edward, William, Thurman, James Floyd, Stella, Lee Nora, Jenny, and Lillian.

Visitation will be held Fri-



day, January 31, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru, Indiana. Funeral service will be Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at 3 p.m. with Pastor Bob Stuck officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The most VIP Super Bowl weekend costs \$1.5M, includes butler

By **KELLI KENNEDY**
Associated Press

MIAMI — Private jet service, a personal butler, or how about a meal with former Patriots star Rob Gronkowski to top off Super Bowl weekend? From legendary nightclubs to exclusive parties, no place caters to the rich and famous quite like glitzy Miami.

The city’s most luxurious hotels, clubs and restaurants are offering over-the-top packages to entice big spenders looking for action outside the end zone. One package includes a 4-day cruise around the Caribbean on a private yacht after the game for \$720,000.

On Location Experiences’ Sam Soni says their top Super Bowl package last year in Atlanta went for \$17,500. This year’s top-tier packages in Miami are \$20,000 to \$35,000 and include game tickets, a pre-game party and show by Darius Rucker and a chance to mingle with football legends like Dan Marino and Marcus Allen.

“We’ve seen just unprecedented sales for that product,” Soni said. “It’s really a three- or four-day event for most of our clients. In Miami having so many options for entertainment and the weather all certainly come into play.”

Not all of those enjoying the perks will be paying out of pocket, because many of the high-end packages are purchased by corporations. But On Location says many customers also are wealthy fans who just want to be a part of the experience.

But it’s not all gitiz and glamour in Miami. Promotions will likely focus on luxurious waterfront skylines and not the poorer neighborhoods of Allapattah, Liberty City and Overtown, where more than three-quarters of residents are low-income or low-to-middle income. Many fans there won’t be able to afford even the lower-end tickets priced at \$4,400.

Thousands of fans will descend on Miami just for the nightlife and never set foot inside the stadium.

“There’s just going to be so many parties. And it’s going to take over the city,” said David Grutman, the man behind some of South Beach’s most exclusive clubs and restaurants including LIV, Story and Swan.

“Miami on its own is always

over the top, then you put the Super Bowl on top of it and it’s the perfect recipe for decadence and extravagance.”

Tables at LIV nightclub are booking for \$20,000 during Super Bowl weekend – up from their usual cost of \$5,000. Grutman said his steakhouse has more than tripled its order for steaks to 1,000 for Super Bowl week, along with crates of caviar.

Here are some of the blingiest packages for high-rollers:

1. Tables on the patio at Swan restaurant, which Grutman co-owns with singer Pharrell Williams, are going for a minimum of \$10,000.

2. VIP tables to the MAX-IM magazine party where The Chainsmokers will perform on a private island run around \$20,000 unless you want to grab 11 of your closest friends and hitch a ride on a private helicopter for \$65,000.

3. Packages at Shaquille O’Neal’s Fun House are going for \$30,000 to \$100,000 with the top package including 20 tickets to the game, a chance to hang with Shaq, your own private security and 30 bottles of champagne and liquor to wash away any buyer’s remorse.

4. Hanging with former Patriots star Rob Gronkowski at Gronk Beach will also set you back six figures. His \$100,000 package includes 20 game seats and all the amenities including table and bottle service afterward, plus he’ll stop by your table for a chat.

5. The swanky 1 Hotel South Beach is offering a \$1.5 million package for 20 that includes airfare, game tickets, a private butler, lodging at 10 oceanfront homes, a private dinner and a personal guru. Their cheapest package will set you back \$200,000 and includes two tickets on the 50 yard line, a stay at a one-bedroom oceanfront home and field access after the game.

6. Private aviation company NetJets and luxury yacht charter company Northrop & Johnson teamed up to deliver what may be the most indulgent package of all, coming in at a whopping \$720,000. Two guests will be flown to Miami in a private jet and put up in a suite at the Ritz Carlton to rest up before game day. After the game, a private jet will whisk you away to the Caribbean where you’ll spend four days sailing the tropical islands on a 236-foot, six-stateroom private yacht.

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attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Voice for grassroots organizing is MLK speaker at Manchester

Tayna Fogle will tell her story and share lessons in the Power of Voice: Darkest Past Now Greatest Asset at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. It is free and open to the public.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 5

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

GriefShare support group begins Feb. 5

GriefShare grief recovery support group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Feb. 5 at the Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. Participant workbooks can be purchased for \$15. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 260-982-2882.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs are available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit www.bachelorcreek.com.

LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m.,

or until it’s gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020

Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj>.

Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashinspotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Hall. Tickets for the gala are \$100, which will not only get guests entry to the event, but also dinner and a ticket into the event’s reverse raffle. Tickets may be purchased by Saturday, Feb. 1. Those who are interested in purchasing tickets can reach out to Wabash Kiwanis members. Tickets can also be purchased from and hand-delivered to those in the Wabash area by Brainard by calling 260-330-9613, and Miller by calling 260-568-1128. For those who can’t attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with “Riley” in the memo line.

Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories.

This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office @wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March

8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelsstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com/events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Par-nell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

Proverbs 28:6

Surprise, John Bolton has the goods

It's just possible that common sense and reality have a shot at prying open the doors to the Senate chamber after all. After Republican senators claimed that it was perfectly reasonable to put a United States president on trial without hearing from any witnesses, a few of them are showing signs of recognizing that the truth matters. Or, at least, that the American people believe it does.

What's changed? Shocking but not surprising revelations from John Bolton's book manuscript, which The New York Times reported over the weekend, have made impossible to ignore what everyone has known for months: President Trump withheld hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid to Ukraine to benefit himself politically, and against the strenuous objections of his top aides and both parties in Congress.

On Monday morning, Mitt Romney, of Utah, said, "I think it's increasingly likely that other Republicans will join those of us who think we should hear from John Bolton."

It's refreshing to hear those words. And yet the fact that such a statement is noteworthy at all tells you how far from responsible governance Republicans have strayed. They hold 53 seats in the Senate, and yet the nation is waiting on just four – four! – to do the right thing and agree to call Mr. Bolton, the former national security adviser, and other key witnesses to testify in Mr. Trump's impeachment trial. A far more representative attitude

in the Republican caucus was expressed by Roy Blunt, of Missouri, who said on Monday, "Unless there's a witness that's going to change the outcome, I can't imagine why we'd want to stretch this out for weeks and months." With this tautology Senator Blunt gives away the game: All witness testimony to date – all presented as part of the House impeachment proceedings – has only strengthened the case against Mr. Trump, but Republicans will not vote to convict him under any circumstances. By definition, then, no witness in the Senate could possibly change the outcome.

The reporting on Mr. Bolton's manuscript, which is scheduled for publication in March, has scrambled that strategy. Mr. Bolton's foreign-policy disagreements with Mr. Trump have been public knowledge for months. Last fall, Fiona Hill, a Russia expert and former Bolton aide, testified in the House that Mr. Bolton was alarmed by Mr. Trump's aid-for-investigations scheme, which Mr. Bolton characterized as a "drug deal."

In the manuscript, detailed descriptions of which were leaked to The Times, he recounts nearly a dozen instances in which he and other top administration officials pleaded with Mr. Trump to release the aid, to no avail. He describes Mr. Trump's fixation on conspiracy theories about Ukrainian interference in the 2016 election, and about the supposed corruption of Marie Yovanovitch, the American ambassador to Ukraine. He says that

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo admitted privately to him that he knew there was nothing to the theories regarding Ms. Yovanovitch, whom Mr. Trump fired last spring.

Mr. Bolton, a hard-line conservative with decades of service in Republican administrations, is no anti-Trump zealot, which makes his allegations against the president that much more devastating. And his decision to tell these stories publicly nearly certainly waives any claims of executive privilege. Mr. Trump might try to assert over their communications.

Let's not forget the newly revealed evidence that came to light on Saturday, in the form of a tape recording released by the lawyer for Lev Parnas, who had worked for Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, in the Ukraine scheme. Mr. Trump has denied even knowing Mr. Parnas, but on the tape the two men can be heard in conversation at a dinner in April 2018. "Get rid of her," Mr. Trump said of Ms. Yovanovitch. "Get her out tomorrow. Take her out. O.K.? Do it."

In a late-night tweet, Mr. Trump angrily denied Mr. Bolton's allegations. "I NEVER told John Bolton that the aid to Ukraine was tied to investigations into Democrats, including the Bidens," Mr. Trump wrote.

You know what would be a good way to figure out who's telling the truth? Subpoena Mr. Bolton to testify under oath.

A version of this editorial was first published in The New York Times.

Kangaroos in crisis need consumers' help

Australia's wildfires have singed the souls of bystanders in an ongoing tragedy, the dimensions of which haven't been fully realized. From the millions – perhaps a billion – animals destroyed to the unfathomable suffering of survivors, it is too much for the human psyche to absorb.

Most have seen the heartbreaking images on social media and elsewhere of Australia's iconic wildlife – kangaroos, koalas and wallabies – burned, starving or dead. One image of a tiny wallaby grasping the ankle of a man who saved it haunts me, as do the orphaned joeys snuggled in handmade pouches sewn by volunteers around the world.

People moved by the tragedy have contributed millions of dollars in donations, while others have air-dropped food and water to help sustain wildlife. Even these efforts seem merely symbolic against the enormity of the devastation. What more can any mortal do to alleviate such suffering and loss? The laws of supply and demand may point the way.

For starters, Australia could stop its slaughter of kangaroos, at least until the population stabilizes. This is, needless to say, a provocative suggestion. Hunters and the Australian government together kill over a million kangaroos every year – 1.5 million in 2017 – and process their parts for export to Europe (the largest consumer), the U.S. and, if lobbyists get their way, China.

Further complicating even a sensible discussion about curtailing what is viewed by many as sustainable culling is the popularized view that kangaroos are pests, competing with sheep and cattle for grazing lands. There's also the small matter of national autonomy. What Australia does with its own resources is no one else's business, some might reasonably argue.

However, what is everyone's business is how we consumers contribute to these massive culls. Many readers probably would be surprised to learn that some soccer cleats and other athletic footwear, including models made by Adidas and Nike, are made from kangaroo leather.

Why are shoes made of kangaroo leather more offensive to some than are shoes made of cowhide? It may be that kangaroos are simply cuter, hopping around like happy children while carrying babies in their pockets. We Disney acolytes have trouble killing and eating certain animals. Seeing images of kangaroos hugging people resonates on a profound human level.

Others are repelled by the scale of the kangaroo harvest – the largest terrestrial slaughter in the world. To animal rights activists, concerns focus on the animal's sustainability and whether the kills are humane.

Australia stands by its National Code of Practice, which requires that all kangaroos be killed with a single shot to the head by trained hunters – and that mothers carrying joeys should be avoided. If a joey emerges from its slain mother's pouch, guidelines "recommend" that the baby also be killed quickly by clubbing or decapitation "to prevent the inhumane death of young that cannot survive on their own."

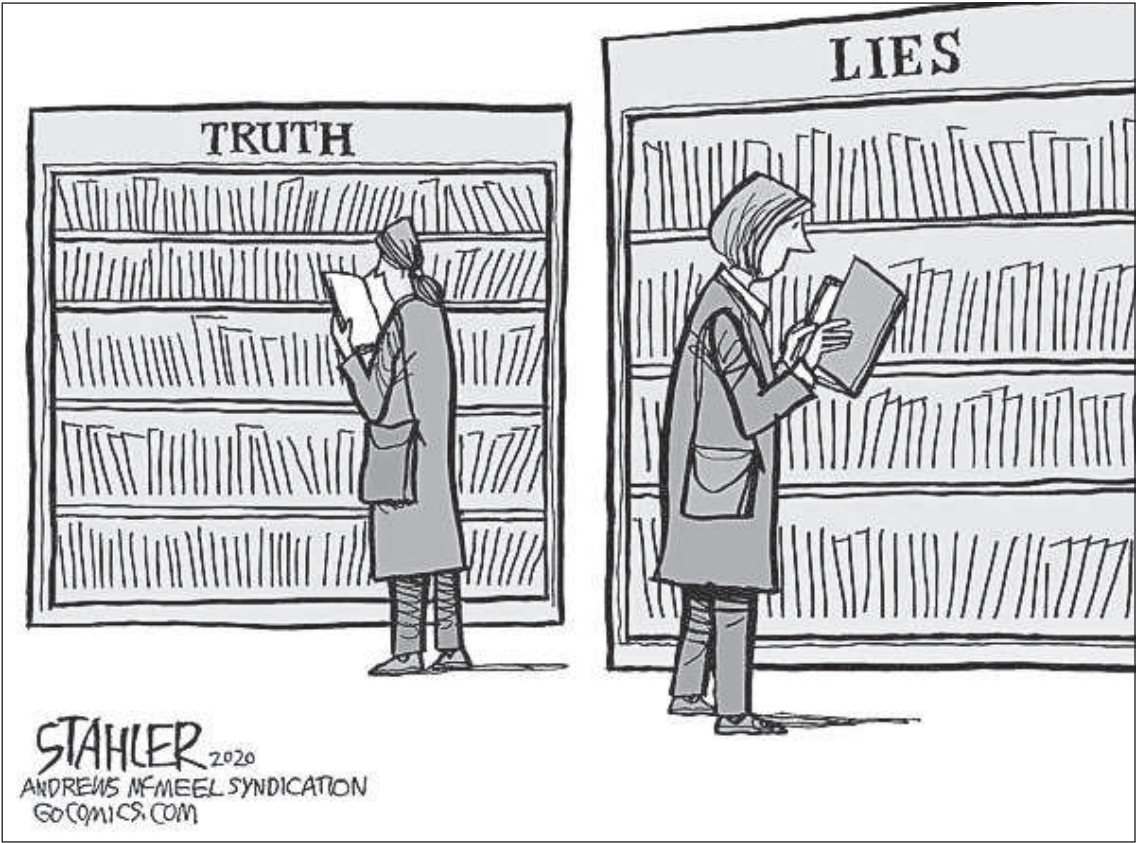
Animal activists argue, however, that such regulations can't be properly monitored when hunters are 2,000 miles away in the bush and that there are otherwise too few enforcers to keep up. The award-winning 2017 documentary film "Kangaroo: A Love Hate Story" illustrates their point in such graphic detail, even the most-dedicated exotic meat consumer would have cause to pause.

Such conflicts won't likely be resolved without external pressures, which is why letters have gone out to the CEOs of both Adidas and Nike urging them to halt the use of kangaroo products for cleats. (The author of the letters is Wayne Pacelle, the former CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, who left the organization after several female employees accused him of sexual misconduct. He continues his life's work through several entities he has founded, including the Center for a Humane Economy.)

If Nike and Adidas take a stand against kangaroo products, the hope is that others will follow. Both companies are sensitive to sustainability and humane practices, having already switched over to man-made materials for some of its products, but synthetic cleats could break new ground in these critical, environmentally unstable times.

The very last thing Nike and Adidas should do, Pacelle wrote in his letters, is to provide financial incentives for people to chase down and kill kangaroos in their native habitats. And, the very least thing individuals can do is starve the market by declining to eat kangaroo meat and refusing to buy anything labeled "K-leather." Such small gestures may seem mostly symbolic, but millions of such gestures would mean reduced demand – and, ultimately, a more humane world.

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Mixing rights, privileges

It is my right to say whatever I wish to you. I'm privileged to have this forum in which to do it.

Leo Morris
Get the difference? A lot of people don't get the difference and, unfortunately, many of them are legislators. Understanding the difference between rights and privileges is critical for citizens trying to live under the law

in a free society, and far too many lawmakers spend most of their energy trying to blur the distinction between the two.

Consider a couple of proposals in our own little laboratory of democracy, the Indiana General Assembly.

Rep. Chris Campbell, D-La-fayette, wants to allow illegal (or, if you prefer, undocumented) immigrants to drive on the state's roads and get insurance for their vehicles. Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears agrees, saying it is "not a legal issue" but a "human rights issue" and "a human dignity issue."

Driving is a privilege, not a right. Those granted the privilege have met certain conditions, such as being a citizen of a certain age, and agree to abide by certain requirements, such as obeying the rules of the road. But Campbell and Mears want us to think of it as a right.

Sen. Mark Stoops, D-Bloomington, wants to require Hoosiers to provide "safe storage" for any guns in their homes, and Sen. Jack Sandlin, R-Indianapolis, wants to allow retired law enforcement officers to carry guns in schools.

Bearing arms is a right, not a privilege. It's acknowledged in the Bill of Rights, and the Supreme Court has affirmed that it applies to individuals. Stoops and Sandlin want to water it down to a privilege, Stoops setting a condition for its granting and Sandlin granting one group an exercise of it not allowed other groups.

"Granting" is the key word here.

Rights are not conferred by anyone, and they cannot be taken away or altered by anyone. They are inherent. Call them natural or God-given, depending on your metaphysical inclination, they belong to all of us equally, simply by virtue of the fact that we are human. Properly understood, the Constitution does not exist to give us our rights, but to protect the rights we are born with.

Privileges, on the other hand, do not belong to all. They are given to some and withheld from others. They are always conditional, subject to change or outright removal by those in authority controlling them. They are unequal by nature, some people always having more and some less. And often, a privilege involves actually taking something from one group and giving it to another.

It is, unfortunately, far too easy to get rights and privileges mixed up. Though rights exist outside government and privileges within them, the reality still is that rights cannot exist without government. For a right to be meaningful, someone with authority and power must both recognize and honor that right. There are no rights in an anarchy. And there is the loophole our

legislators use to happily mix and match rights and privileges, replacing one with the other however it suits them in a given case. Doing either is a way to increase legislators' sense of well-being. They have sworn to serve the public but know deep down that it needs the enlightened guidance only they can provide.

Eroding a right into a privilege opens the door for the bureaucrats and lawyers of the administrative state to add unfathomable nuances and incalculable exceptions to the maze of rules lesser mortals must navigate. Pretending a privilege is a right allows officials to pit group against group, elevating some groups to favored status and downgrading others to a lower class.

Either way, the individual citizen is diminished, which is the point.

I remember a phrase from the Army that will be familiar to anyone who has served in the military: Rank has its privilege. It was always uttered with the contempt that sprang from unrelieved cynicism. We all wore the same uniform, followed the same regulations, had the same obligations. Except, of course, the officers who ignored the rules because they knew they could.

George Orwell said it most memorably. You remember: All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others. No way to run a republic.

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Education

WHS releases first semester honor rolls

By STAFF REPORT

Wabash High School has released its first semester honor rolls, according to a press release:

**High honor roll, all A's
Grade 12**

Bradyn L. Baker, Cody J. Ballschmidt, Maya J. Benysh, Caleb M. Callahan, Bella A. Carrillo, Taylor S. Coffman, Wyatt J. Davis, Jonah S. France, Ella D. Gatchel, Madison M. Hecox, Dana A. Hueston, Camille C. Kugler, Lindsey E. Mattern, Cloey J. Murphy, Sydnee P. Osborne, Grace E. Schoening, Payton I. Sodervick, Elijah L.

Vander Velden, and Alexis R. Westendorf.

Grade 11

Madison E. Bartoo, Rebecca A. Bruss, Lena R. Cordes, Kyndal N. Fields, Lingjun Fu, Alison N. Gault, Nicole C. Gunderman, Morgan B. Mallow and Ian C. Risher.

Grade 10

Anne M. Cole, Linda R. Cordes, Corinne O. Kugler, Brycen A. Niccum and Alexis R. Satterfield.

Grade 9

Morgan G. Butcher, Elijah C. Callahan, Kiara B. Carmichael, Devin M. Coffman, Andrew J. Dillon, David L. Ford, Hope V. Schoening and Aubrey M. Till.

**Regular honor roll,
A's and B's
Grade 12**

Tayte M. Azbell, Bradyn L. Baker, Cody J. Ballschmidt, Allison N. Bartoo, Maya J. Benysh, Makayla R. Bollinger, Caleb M. Callahan, Bella A. Carrillo, Taylor S. Coffman, Emily L. Cole, Wyatt J. Davis, Hope E. Decker, Jonah S. France, Ella D. Gatchel, Traydon D. Goodwin, Madison M. Hecox, Madeline D. Helsel, Dana A. Hueston, Todd A. Ihnen, Taylor A. Johnson, Camille C. Kugler, Makayla D. Lamb, Dani L. Lee, Lindsey E. Mattern, Cloey J. Murphy, Sydnee P. Osborne, Evan M

Ryder, Randy L. Satterfield, Grace E. Schoening, Payton I. Sodervick, Delaney G. Truman, Elijah L. Vander Velden and Alexis R. Westendorf.

Grade 11

Madison E. Bartoo, Rebecca A. Bruss, Jada M. Caudill, Madison S. Church, Lena R. Cordes, Kya D. Cressell, Isabelle L. Davis, Wesley J. Derry, Isaiah C. Eis, Kyndal N. Fields, Destiny M. Foster, Magdalen G. France, Lingjun Fu, Alison N. Gault, James M. Gault, Nicole C. Gunderman, Sierra N. Hall, Hayley M. Houlihan, Joseph A. Leland, Vivian S. Lemaster, Morgan B. Mallow, Mario Melendez Romain, Keegan J. O'neill, Ian

C. Risher, Erin M. Russell, Lincoln M. Saldivar, Brodie M. Smith, Matthew D. Swango, Jasper H. Walter, Jarrett P. Wilson and Mariah M. Wyatt.

Grade 10

Emma N. Cain, Anne M. Cole, Linda R. Cordes, Andrew S. Dinkins, Jordan S. Dragoo, Cherysh A. Harlan, Ethan F. Haynes, Marcus L. Haynes, Riston K. Hoefer, Autumn A. Housman, Hunter M. Jones, Corinne O. Kugler, Kasey A. Long, Brycen A. Niccum, Hannah L. Perkins, Alexis R. Satterfield, Jacob W. Thompson and Alex J. Weaver.

Grade 9

Eli B. Bayliss, Seth, M. Blossom, Abigale B. Boggs, Sara

L. Buga, Morgan G. Butcher, Elijah C. Callahan, Kiara B. Carmichael, Devin M. Coffman, Brodie J. Craft, Andrew J. Dillon, Nicholas J. Ewing, Kaden M. Fedewa, David L. Ford, Charity E. France, Jacob D. France, Solomon T. France, Madison K. French, Jacob A. Fuchs, Kendall M. Gifford, Mason E. Goshert, Olivia M. Harden, Madelyn M. Hipskind, Cole K. Hughes, Grace E. Lamar, Haiden E. Lehman, Elizabeth L. Mattern, Faryn A. Morris, Aaliyah Mota, Hope V. Schoening, Sidney C. Stamper, Rachel N. Stapleton, Aubrey M. Till, Elliott I Wiles and Alexander H. Zinn.

WMS announces first semester honor rolls

By STAFF REPORT

Wabash Middle School (WMS) has announced its honor roll for the first semester, according to a press release:

**Fifth grade
high honor roll**

Makenna Bechtold, Aliyah Billingsley, Randy Boring, Lucas Coffman, Andi Conliff, Chloe Cooper, Braelyn Eis, Kierstin Fagar, Mia Fairchild, Haylee Figgert, Violet George, Kalynn Green, Javier Hernandez, Rinka Higuera, Benjamin Hipskind, Serenity Hubbard, Madalyn Lynn, Brianna Martin, Haiden Mcwhirt, Jarrett Mcwhirt, Aubri Merrell, Alison Nelson, Oliver New, Leeah Palmer, Philip Palmer, Victoria Petty, Audri Shidler, Thomas Tracy, Averie Turner, Emma Vancamp, Evelyn Walden and Khloye Wood.

**Fifth grade
regular honor roll**

Lily-ann Abshire, Letisha Baker, Olivia Baughman, Luke Blossom, Mason Bolen, Tucker Bradley, Daniela Cardenas, Ezra Church, Jae'lin Collins, Remington Cressell, Alyssa Crowley, Trinton Dalton, Jaylee Dan-

iels, Olivia Dillon, Natalie Fausett, Aiden Fishback, Kinzie Flack, Jathan French, Jasmin Garcia, Kale Graf, Brooklyn Gressley, Jenna Hall, John Harris, Kordyn Harris, Destiny Harrison, Shailynn Harrison, Owen Honeycutt, Tyler Housman, Christy Howard, Caydence Kime, Ismael Leon, Jaxon Mccollum, Brayden Mckenzie, Quentin Mitchell, Vander Mullen, Aiden Murray, Quinn Myers, Kiera Newsome, Caylee-ann Noland, Jess Norris, Colin Patton, Keagan Pelphrey, Austin Rider, Abigail Rose, Kenzey Rowe, Oliver Sapusek, Carson Schuler, Hunter Simpson, Grace Starr, Luis Trejo, Brayden Trudeau, Raelee Weeks, Keisha Wilcox and Kaylea Woodcock.

**Sixth grade
high honor roll**

Justyce Amburgey, Ava Bishir, Bryleigh Boggs, Caidan Burchett, Olivia Burns, Kalli Dais, Brylee Fagan, Kendall France, Haylee Friend, Drew Guenin-hodson, Gabriella Hall, Matthew Hipskind, Maya Howard, Jaycee Jones, Raegan Jones, Coleson Kugler, Keaton Lane, Cooper Long, Kyrone Mahan, Laney Maple, Elias Mattern, Alison McCoart,

Logan Osborn, Danielle Sarll, Amaya Sellers, Olivia Shepler, Alexis Soden, Sadie Teel, Mya Whitaker, Logan Wright, Kyndall Zapata.

**Sixth grade
regular honor roll**

Karlee Bearman, Carter Booth, William Brewer, Cole Brooks, Mackenzie Brown,, Conner Clifton,, Brayson Eckman, Katherine Gaston, William Grier, Isaiah Jones, Nickita Judy, Karlie Lane, Adam Miller, Sean Murray Jr, Trinity Music, Makayla Pelphrey, Aaliyah Perry, Derek Reed, Mykenzie Renn, Jordan Rider, Emma Ryder, Lillian Shear, Ella Tiedeman, Emilie Trudeau, Jaylen Watson and Russell Williams.

**Seventh grade
high honor roll**

Olivia Braun, Trevor Heron, Coltyn Sellers and Emma Weaver.

**Seventh grade
regular honor roll**

Emma Adams, Austin Baggett, Kaitlyn Brown, Ashtrid Burns, Caden Carmichael, Tyson Carpenter, Jonas Church, Ashton Coffman, Ella Colvin, Nataleigh Combs, Trinity Dalton,

Shaelyn Day, Levi Fairchild, Harper Golliher, Wyatt Harden, Chaz Harris, Nonoka Higuera, Abigail Hipskind, Fisher Howard, Natalie King, Riley King, Linda Long, Austin Nelson, Kason Oswald, Madison Owen, Lucas Riggie, Sierra Rose, Olivia Shelton, Drake Sparling, Milo Spaulding, Kristian Stanton, Jackson Stevens, Janika Stumbo, Sydney Till, Isabella Vander Velden, Madison White, Kamryn Wilcox.

**Eighth grade
high honor roll**

Natalie Adams, Emily Clifton, Grant Ford, Troy Guenin-hodson, Karin Hernandez, Calisen Kugler, Calista Larrowe, Karigan Long and Kierra Wilson.

**Eighth grade
regular honor roll**

Chloe Bishir, Grayden Blair, Isaac Byers, Octavia Claudio, Carter Dials, Alexander Dinkins, Keaton Fields, Hunter Fisher, Shyann Fisher, Thomas Fritter, William Galley, Seth Helsel, Xavier Hughes, Alexa Johnson, Kiana Jones, Montana Judy, Tala Lynn, Alexandra Mote, Paloma Shull, Asa Thomas, Madeline Von Uhl, Brooke Wagner, Ethan Watkins and Izaak Wright.

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**Fifth grade
regular honor roll**

Lily-ann Abshire, Letisha Baker, Olivia Baughman, Luke Blossom, Mason Bolen, Tucker Bradley, Daniela Cardenas, Ezra Church, Jae'lin Collins, Remington

Cressell, Trinton Dalton, Jaylee Daniels, Aiden Fishback, Kinzie Flack, Jathen French, Jasmin Garcia, Jenna Hall, John Harris, Destiny Harrison, Shailynn Harrison, Owen Honeycutt, Christy Howard, Madalyn Lynn, Brianna Martin, Jaxon Mccollum, Brayden Mckenzie, Aubri Merrell, Vander Mullen, Aiden Murray, Quinn Myers, Allison Nelson, Kiera Newsome, Caylee-ann Noland, Leeah Palmer, Colin Patton, Keagan Pelphrey, Abigail Rose, Oliver Sapusek, Hunter Simpson, Grace Starr, Brayden Trudeau, Raelee Weeks, Khloye Wood and Kaylea Woodcock.

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Jones, Victoria Koselke, Coleson Kugler, Keaton Lane, Cooper Long, Kyrone Mahan, Laney Maple, Elias Mattern, Alison McCoart, Makayla Pelphrey, Danielle Sarll, Sadie Teel, Mya Whitaker, Logan Wright and Kyndall Zapata.

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regular honor roll**

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**Seventh grade
high honor roll**

Trevor Herron.

**Seventh grade
regular honor roll**

Austin Baggett, Ivy Beamer, Kaitlyn Brown,

Jace Bullins, Ashtrid Burns, Tyson Carpenter, Ashton Coffman, Ella Colvin, Nataleigh Combs, Levi Fairchild, Joree Fields, Harper Golliher, Wyatt Harden, Nonoka Higuera, Fisher Howard, Natalie King, Austin Nelson, Kasen Oswald, Jaden Rider, Kristian Stanton, Jackson Stevens and Madison White.

**Eighth grade
high honor roll**

Natalie Adams, Grant Ford, Troy Guenin-hodson, Karina Hernandez and Karigan Long.

**Eighth grade
regular honor roll**

Chloe Bishir, Isaac Byers, Alexander Dinkins, Keaton Fields, Shyann Fisher, Thomas Fritter, William Galley, Alexa Johnson, Kiana Jones, Montana Judy, Calisen Kugler, Tala Lynn, Alexandra Mote, Paloma Shull, Madeline Von Uhl, Brooke Wagner, Ethan Watkins, Kierra Wilson and Izaak Wright.

Local history essay contest announced

Essays are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

By STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County Museum has announced the annual local history youth essay contest, according to a press release.

“This contest, held in memory of Dr. Robert Beckett, inspires young minds to get excited about their local history and learn about all the great things in our local communities. This year, af-

ter receiving feedback from local educators, the essay contest has been revamped and is open to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students throughout Wabash County, including students who may be homeschooled or not a part of a public or private school,” stated the release. A first, second and third place essay will be selected for each of the three grades in the form of college scholarships.”

This year’s essay prompt is centered around the theme that both the Museum and

Wabash Carnegie Public Library are exploring which is Explore Home.

Essay authors are being encouraged to speak with family and community members to understand the changes that have affected life in Wabash County and then explore the idea of why people choose to or not to live in rural communities.

Essay packets have been delivered to all the public and private schools in the county but students may participate independently and all the essay materials

can be found online at www.wabashmuseum.org/essay.

Essays are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 17 and will either be picked up at schools or may be dropped off at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St.

Winners will be announced at a reception to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

For more information, contact Allie Nose at the Wabash County Museum by calling 260-563-9070 or emailing anose@wabashmuseum.org.

‘Sesame Street’ comforts children displaced by Syrian war

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — “Sesame Street” in the past year has tackled everything from foster care to substance abuse. Now its latest effort is trying to help children suffering as a result of the Syrian civil war.

Sesame Workshop – the nonprofit, educational organization behind “Sesame Street” – has launched a new, locally produced Arabic TV program for the hundreds of thousands of children dealing with displacement in Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon.

“The thing that became very apparent in our work on the ground is how critical the need was for the children of this region and children who have been affected by traumatic events to have the social and emotional skills they need,” said Sherrie Westin, president of Social Impact & Philanthropy at Sesame Workshop.

Called “Ahlan Simsim,” which means “Welcome Sesame” in Arabic, the show will feature Elmo, Cookie Monster and Grover, as well as two brand new Muppets – the boy monster Jad, who had to leave his home, and Basma, a purple girl monster who befriends the young stranger. An adorable goat named Ma’zooza adds comic relief.

Each 26-minute show will explore emotions experienced by all kids but particularly relevant to those dealing with trauma and will offer coping skills for feelings like anger, fear, frustration, nervousness and loneliness. In one episode, Basma shares her toys with Jad, since he left his behind. Some of the strategies include belly breathing and expression through art.

A variety show in the second half of each episode offers creators the chance to bring in local celebrities and attract an adult audience to hammer home the message. “The humor has to be there always, which is the ‘Sesame’ spirit,” said Khaled Haddad, an executive producer.

“Ahlan Simsim” will premiere Feb. 2 on MBC3, a pan-Arab satellite network that reaches 20 countries in North Africa, the Gulf and the Levant, as well as YouTube and national broadcasters across the region.

Production is based in the Jordanian capital Amman, with input from writers and performers from across the region. Dialects will be diversified, from Jordanian to Saudi.

“We know a lot about children and children’s development and what’s needed. But we always want to learn from people on the ground,” said Westin. “We know that when children can see themselves, identify with these characters and when they can relate to the story lines, we are the most effective.”

Targeted for children ages 3-8, the show will steer

clear of the larger political, social or religious issues. “To the best of our ability we are not making political statements,” Westin said.

“The spirit behind ‘Sesame Street’ has always been it doesn’t matter if you have purple fur or yellow fur,” said Scott Cameron, a two-time Emmy Award-winning producer who serves as executive producer of the new show. “It’s a place where children can feel safe and supported and where real things are tackled – like fear of the dark, frustration or loneliness. We try to always do it with comedy alongside the heartfelt.”

The show is at the center of a wider push together with the International Rescue Committee that includes direct services, including home visits, classrooms and health clinics, all enhanced by Sesame materials like storybooks, puzzles, games and videos. One episode, for example, will show Jad terrified of going to the doctor and then will explore that fear. “It’s more than a TV show. It’s a massive intervention,” said Cameron. “It’s a world where children and their families can feel safe and secure. And it’s a world where the media content is meant to be a portal into a fuller, broader set of humanitarian assistance.”

The program was initially funded by a \$100 million award by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The LEGO Foundation then awarded an additional \$100 million to deepen the play-based learning of “Ahlan Simsim” and gave Sesame Workshop the chance to expand to Bangladesh to serve families affected by the Rohingya crisis.

Since the Syrian conflict broke out in 2011, some 5 million children have been displaced internally and outside Syria, according to the U.N.-backed Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic. Its report this month said the youngsters have been “robbed of their childhood” by violations from all sides.

“Sesame Street” has had a presence in the Middle East for decades, starting when the show “Ifthah Ya Simsim” premiered in 1979 in Kuwait, followed by local Egyptian, Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli versions of “Sesame Street.”

This time, to assess which early childhood interventions work best in crisis settings, Sesame Workshop is working with New York University’s Global TIES for Children center to independently evaluate both the direct services and mass media components of the program.

Creators hope the lessons learned in the Middle East can be translated to other regions, just as things “Sesame Street” learned in American inner cities can help all children. “It will reach children throughout the Middle East but the benefits will be to all children,” said Westin.

Budget deficit to break \$1 trillion despite strong economy

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An annual congressional report says the U.S. budget deficit is likely to burst through the symbolic \$1 trillion barrier this year despite a healthy economy.

Tuesday’s Congressional Budget Office report follows a burst of new spending last year and the repeal in December of several taxes used to help finance the Affordable Care Act. Those have combined to deepen the government’s deficit spiral well on into the future, with trillion-dollar deficits likely for as far as the eye can see.

The annual CBO update of the government’s economic and fiscal health estimates a \$1 trillion deficit for the ongoing fiscal year, which would bring the red ink above \$1 trillion for the first time since 2012, when former President Barack Obama capped four consecutive years of \$1 trillion-plus budget deficits.

The government, slated to spend \$4.6 trillion this year, would have to borrow 22 cents of every dollar it spends.

Most economists say the most relevant way to look at the deficit is to measure it against the size of the economy, with deficits at 3 percent or so of gross domestic product seen as sustainable.

The latest report shows deficits averaging 4.8 percent of GDP over the course of the coming decade.

“As a result of those deficits, federal debt would rise each year, reaching a percentage of the nation’s output that is unprecedented in U.S. history,” the CBO report says.

Obama’s deficits came as the U.S. economy recovered from the deep recession of 2007-2009. The return of

trillion-dollar deficit now comes as the economy is humming on all cylinders, with the CBO predicting that the jobless rate nationwide will average below 4 percent through at least 2022. The growth rate is predicted to hit average 2.2 percent this year.

“The economy’s performance makes the large and growing deficit all the more noteworthy,” said CBO Director Phillip Swagel. “Changes in fiscal policy must be made to address the budget situation, because our debt is growing on an unsustainable path.”

The government reported a \$984 billion deficit for the 2019 budget year. Cumulative deficits over the coming decade are expected to total \$13 trillion – a total that would have gone higher save for CBO’s belief that yields on Treasury notes will remain unusually low as the government refinances its \$23 trillion debt.

The recent surge in the deficit has followed passage of the 2017 Trump tax bill, which has failed to pay for itself with additional economic growth and revenues as promised by administration figures like Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The surge in deficits also follows a final rewrite last summer of a failed 2011 budget deal to increase spending of both defense and domestic programs.

Divided government isn’t helping the deficit picture as the Democratic-controlled House led the way in repealing \$377 billion worth of “Obamacare” tax hikes, including a so-called Cadillac tax on high-cost health plans. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was also a driving force in last summer’s budget accord, which is scored at adding \$1.7 trillion to the deficit over the coming decade.

Trump team argues against relevancy of Bolton testimony

By **ERIC TUCKER, ZEKE MILLER and LISA MASCARO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s legal team argued forcefully against the relevance of testimony from Trump’s former national security adviser John Bolton on Tuesday as the lawyers neared the end of their defense and the Senate braced for debate on whether to summon Bolton and other witnesses into the impeachment trial.

Attorney Jay Sekulow took a dismissive swipe at an unpublished book by Bolton that is said to contradict a key defense argument about Trump’s dealings with Ukraine. Revelations about that book clouded White House hopes for a big finish Tuesday as well as a swift end to the impeachment trial, with Democrats demanding witnesses and some Republicans expressing openness.

“It is not a game of leaks and unsourced manuscripts,” Sekulow said, calling the book “inadmissible” and not evidence.

Bolton writes in his forthcoming book that Trump told him that he wanted to withhold military aid from Ukraine until it helped with investigations into Democratic rival Joe Biden. Trump and his lawyers have repeatedly insisted he never tied the security aid to political investigations.

While scoffing at the manuscript, Trump and the Republicans have strongly resisted summoning Bolton to testify in person about what he saw and heard as Trump’s top national security adviser.

Defense lawyers mostly ignored reports about Bolton’s book during hours of argument Monday, though one attorney, Alan Dershowitz, said that nothing in the manuscript

– even if true – rises to the level of an impeachable offense.

Sekulow repeated that argument on Tuesday and sought to undermine the credibility of Bolton’s book by noting that other administration officials have disputed comments attributed to him.

The legal team also delved into areas that Democrats see as outside the scope of impeachment, painting Trump and his aides as hounded by investigation, chastising former FBI Director James Comey and seizing on surveillance errors the FBI has acknowledged making in its Russian election interference probe.

“Put yourselves in the shoes of this president, of any president, that would have been under this type of attack,” Sekulow said.

The attorneys also argued that the Founding Fathers took care to make sure that impeachment was narrowly defined, with with impeachable offenses clearly enumerated.

“The bar for impeachment cannot be set this low,” Sekulow said. “Danger. Danger. Danger. These articles must be rejected. The Constitution requires it. Justice demands it.”

The defense arguments have jostled for public attention with Bolton’s book and the debate over witnesses taking place outside Senate chambers.

One Republican, Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma, is floating an idea to subpoena Bolton’s book manuscript so senators can see the evidence themselves – but only in private.

It’s an idea that may be gaining traction even as other Republicans have warned against a protracted legal dispute with the White House, which has tried to block administration officials.

GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham wrote on Twitter that he “totally” supports Lankford’s proposal. Graham, a key Trump ally, said the Bolton document should be made available to the Senate, in a classified setting, “where each Senator has the opportunity to review the manuscript and make their own determination.”

However, Chuck Schumer, the Senate’s top Democrat, called the proposal, which would keep Bolton out of public testimony, “absurd.”

“We’re not bargaining with them. We want four witnesses, and four sets of documents, then the truth will come out,” Schumer said.

Senate Republicans were to meet behind closed doors to consider next steps.

Trump is charged with abusing his presidential power by asking Ukraine’s leader to help investigate Biden at the same time his administration was withholding hundreds of millions of dollars in security aid. A second charge accuses Trump of obstructing Congress in its probe.

On Monday, Trump’s attorneys, including high-profile lawyers Ken Starr and Dershowitz, launched a historical,

legal and political attack on the entire impeachment process.

They said there was no basis to remove Trump from office, defended his actions as appropriate and assailed Biden, who is campaigning for the Democratic nomination to oppose Trump in November.

Former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi devoted her presentation to Biden and his son Hunter, who served on the board of a Ukraine gas company when his father was leading the Obama administration’s diplomatic dealings with Kyiv. The legal team argued that Trump had legitimate reasons to be suspicious of the younger Biden’s business dealings and concerned about corruption in Ukraine and that, in any event, he ultimately released the aid without Ukraine committing to investigations the Republican president wanted.

Trump has sought, without providing evidence, to implicate the Bidens in the kind of corruption that has long plagued Ukraine. Though anti-corruption advocates have raised concerns, there has been no evidence of wrongdoing by either the former vice president or his son.

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RH Jeffress agrees to 1-year contract with Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs and free-agent reliever Jeremy Jeffress have agreed to an \$850,000, one-year contract.

The 32-year-old Jeffress can earn an additional \$200,000 in incentives. A person with direct knowledge of the situation confirmed the deal on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the move had not been announced.

Jeffress was one of baseball's most dominant relievers in 2018, going 8-1 with a 1.29 ERA and 15 saves in 73 games for Milwaukee. But the right-hander struggled with injuries last season before he was cut by the Brewers on Sept. 1.

The Cubs have been unusually quiet this winter after missing the playoffs last year for the first time since 2014. The addition of Jeffress is another flyer on a possible comeback candidate after they agreed to a minor league deal with Brandon Morrow, another once dominant reliever hampered by injuries.

Mavs' Powell has surgery for season-ending Achilles injury

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks center Dwight Powell underwent surgery to repair a torn right Achilles tendon, an injury that ended his season.

The team said Monday the surgery was performed by Dr. Bob Anderson in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The 28-year-old Powell could be ready for training camp in early October, although the timetable could be more in line with the start of the regular season.

Powell went down with a non-contact injury with 2:57 left in the first quarter in a 110-107 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers on Jan. 21.

Three days after the injury, the Mavericks acquired center Willie Cauley-Stein in a trade with Sacramento. The Kings got a second-round pick in this year's draft.

In six NBA seasons, Powell has averaged nearly 10 points and six rebounds per game.

Powell has played all but five of his 371 career games for the Mavericks since coming over from Boston in the Rajon Rondo trade in December 2015. Rondo didn't stay with Dallas beyond that season.

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Wabash's Alivia Short (44) shoots a jumper during the Apaches' game against Southwood earlier this season.

Girls high school basketball sectional draw revealed

By **JACOB RUDE**
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The Indiana High School Athletics Association held its annual sectional draw for the girls' basketball state tournament on Sunday.

In Class A Sectional 53 at North Miami, the Norse were drawn in the lone first round sectional game against Southern Wells. Southwood and Lakeland Christian Academy meet

in the first semi-final game while North Miami will square off with the winner of the Northfield-Southern Wells contest.

The opening round game is set for Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. The semi-finals will be on Feb. 7 with the first game at 6 p.m. and the second semi-final game at 7:30 p.m. The championship is set for Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Northfield is a reigning sectional champion as well

as a defending regional champion.

In Class 2A Sectional 37 at Lewis Cass, a potential match-up between Wabash County teams could be in the cards. Manchester plays in the first game against Cass with Wabash set to meet the winner in the semi-final. In the other half of the bracket, Rochester and Delphi meet in the first round with Carroll receiving the bye and awaiting the winner. The first round kicks off

on Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. with the Rochester-Delphi game. Manchester and Cass play at 7:30 p.m. to follow. The semi-final starts at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 with Wabash's game starting at 7:30 p.m. The final starts on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Wabash, Manchester and Rochester all shared a sectional last season, though Oak Hill won the sectional en route to a state title. The Eagles moved up to Class 3A this season.

Norse looks for huge win in TRC clash

By **JACOB RUDE**
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As the Northfield girls' basketball team looks for its third consecutive Three Rivers Conference (TRC) title, a match-up with Rochester will serve as a late, massive hurdle.

Two years ago, the Zebras and Norse met in a de facto TRC title game that featured a buzzer beater and an overtime that eventually ended with a Northfield win, 64-55. Last season, the Norse needed a win over Rochester on the road to secure a share of the TRC title and earned a far less dramatic win, winning in a blowout, 59-27.

This season, the two sides meet again in a high stakes contest. Rochester sits atop the TRC with a 7-1 record. The Norse and Vikings are tied for losses in second, the latter at 6-2 and the former at 5-2.

A win by Northfield would give the Zebras their second loss. While the Norse would have one game TRC left after the Rochester contest, it comes against a Whitko side that is 1-14 on the year, 0-7 in the conference and have an average margin of defeat of 31.5 points. A win in that game would pave the way for a three-way tie with Tippecanoe Valley and Rochester for the TRC crown.

It all adds up to a game with much on the line for both sides. Rochester has not won a share of the conference title since 2012, though they clinched at least a share of the title with a 50-30 win over Manchester. A win over the Norse would give them an outright conference title for the first time since 2004.

Northfield is led this season by the duo of Emma Hoover and Addi Baker. The former is averaging 11.7 points per game while the latter is averaging 11.5 points per game. Hoover's 34 three-pointers on the year account for well over half the team's total on the season. Baker, meanwhile,

7.2 rebounds per game lead the team as well.

For Rochester, a balanced attack offensively is led by Maci Brown's 10.3 points per game. Seven other Zebras averaging between four and seven points per game to follow. As a team, Rochester averages 49.3 points per game.

The Zebras hold a 10-8 advantage in the series but Northfield has won the last four meetings between the two sides including a sectional win in 2017. The Zebras rank 24th in Class 2A in Sagarin rating at 65.7 while the Norse are 15th in Class A with a 62.43 rating. Thursday's game is set for a 7:45 p.m. tipoff.

Chiefs embracing loose locker room culture on Super Bowl run

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
Associated Press

MIAMI — If you're planning to walk through the middle of the Kansas City Chiefs locker room between lunch and their usual afternoon practice, you might want to grab someone's shoulder pads and helmet and brace for impact.

There's a good chance you'll find yourself in the middle of a pickup basketball game involving 300-pound linemen.

It's a scene that plays out daily during the regular season, big bodies binging into each other as defensive tackles Chris Jones and Khalen Saunders try to post up under the hoop — hung just over the doorway leading into the showers. Usually, teammates will gather around them, playing the dual role of vocal fans and even more vocal referees.

"When you check in, it's nonstop competition," Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce explained this week. "Guys are always trying to play some type of game or compete in some type of way to get the upper hand on somebody else."

The pickup games illustrate a few points about the Chiefs team preparing to play in its first Super Bowl in 50 years: They have a fierce competitive streak that permeates the entire roster, whether it's on the field or off; they genuinely like being around each other, even when they could leave during the lunch hour; and perhaps most of all, they have a loosey-goosey nature despite the pressure-cooker business and high-stakes nature of professional football.

That last point could serve them well as they deal with a week of media engagements, countless parties and distractions, and ultimately the strain that comes with prepping for their big game against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

"The unique thing about this group is that they don't complain about anything," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "When they need to cut it loose and have fun, they cut it loose. But when they're at practice, they're all business."

It wasn't always that way.

Less than a decade ago, under the failed tenures of general manager Scott Pioli and coach Todd Haley, the feeling in the locker room on a random Wednesday during the season was downright oppressive. Smiles were few, laughter even more rare, and the stress and tension that the Chiefs seemed to carry with them was almost palpable.

Romeo Crennel tried to lighten the mood a bit during his only season in charge, but it's hard to be lighthearted in

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‘Citizen of the world’: Bryant promoted basketball globally

By **ANDREW DAMPF**
Associated Press

ROME — At a Lakers pre-season game in Beijing in 2013, the arena rang out with chants of “Kobe! Kobe!” — despite the injured superstar not even having suited up.

From Los Angeles to Italy, Asia and beyond, Kobe Bryant was bigger than just a basketball player. He was the sport's global ambassador.

It was a role that Bryant began studying for at an early age, during his seven-year childhood tour of Italy while

his father played pro basketball in the country.

“Because of that, he was fluent, he could understand the mentality,” Italian coach Ettore Messina, a former consultant with the Los Angeles Lakers, told The Associated Press. “And he played soccer so he learned to use his feet, not only his hands. Because of that he was open minded.”

Bryant, an 18-time NBA All-Star with the Lakers and a lifelong soccer fan, died Sunday with his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, in a heli-

copter crash near Calabasas, California. He was 41.

“The other thing that was crucial in his career was USA Basketball. Because of being who he was for Nike, he traveled every summer all over the world, whether it was Europe, China, South America,” said Messina, who now coaches Olimpia Milano. “With those commercial tours he was always open to do that. He was a typical citizen of the world and he understood that before a lot of other people.”

Bryant's popularity among

Chinese fans was rivaled only by eight-time NBA All-Star Yao Ming, LeBron James and Michael Jordan. His playing appearances, including winning the gold medal with the United States at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, were far exceeded by his promotional appearances in the country, both on behalf of his own brand and basketball generally.

In Taiwan, where the NBA also is an enormous draw, President Tsai Ing-wen tweeted that “Kobe inspired a generation of young Tai-

wanese basketball players, & his legacy will live on through those who loved him.”

Philippine presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo noted that Bryant had been a frequent visitor to the Philippines, adding “he was well-loved by his Filipino fans.”

Back in Europe, Bryant could connect with sports fans because he had been a big soccer fan since he was a kid.

“Kobe was a true legend

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SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indiana High School Boys Basketball Top 10 Teams Class 4A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Bloomington South (15)	16-0	300	2	
2. Lawrence North	15-1	264	1	
3. Lawrence Central	15-2	231	3	
4. Lafayette Jeff	16-2	190	6	
5. Indpls Cathedral	12-2	139	NR	
6. Brownsburg	13-2	128	4	
7. Chesterton	15-1	113	NR	
8. Indianapolis Attucks	11-3	100	10	
9. Carmel	9-4	86	NR	
10. S. Bend Adams	13-2	81	5	
Others receiving votes: Jeffersonville 50, Carroll (Allen) 30, Indpls Pike 30, Lafayette Harrison 15, Munster 15, Northridge 8, Fishers 7, Floyd Central 7, Hamilton Southeastern 6.				

Class 3A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Silver Creek (15)	14-1	300	1	
2. Danville	14-2	237	2	
3. Norwell	12-1	198	4	
4. Heritage Hills	11-3	197	3	
5. Greensburg	13-2	161	T5	
6. S. Bend St. Joseph's	10-3	134	7	
7. Hammond	12-2	129	8	
8. Mishawaka Marian	8-3	124	T5	
9. Indian Creek	11-3	105	10	
10. Ev. Bosse	10-4	46	NR	
Others receiving votes: Mississinewa 39, Delta 33, Ft. Wayne Luers 25, Hamilton Hts. 20, Washington 19, Sullivan 13, Indpls Brebeuf 12, Beech Grove 8.				

Class 2A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Shenandoah (7)	13-1	284	1	
2. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (7)	13-2	282	2	
3. Linton-Stockton	14-2	228	4	
4. S. Decatur (1)	14-1	186	3	
5. Tipton	12-2	151	7	
6. S. Spencer	12-2	140	8	
7. University	12-2	116	9	
8. Ev. Mater Dei	10-3	109	5	
9. Prairie Hts.	12-3	89	6	
10. Westview	11-3	83	NR	
Others receiving votes: Central Noble 55, Paoli 18, Indpls Howe 16, Churubusco 12, Indpls Covenant Christian 8, Indpls Park Tudor 8, Wapahani 8, Parke Heritage 7.				

Class 1A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Greenwood Christian (10)	15-0	282	1	
2. Kouts (2)	14-0	250	3	
3. Gary 21st Century (3)	13-2	234	2	
4. Barr-Reeve	14-1	226	4	
5. Loogootee	12-3	171	6	
6. Lafayette Catholic	10-3	161	5	
7. Bloomfield	10-4	120	7	
8. Covington	10-4	115	T10	
9. Providence Cristo Rey	12-3	91	T10	
10. Dubois	11-4	72	NR	
Others receiving votes: W. Washington 60, N. Daviess 12, Southwestern (Shelby) 6.				

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	8	1	.889	17	3	.850
Florida St.	7	1	.875	17	2	.895
Duke	6	2	.750	16	3	.842
Syracuse	6	3	.667	13	7	.650
Virginia Tech	5	4	.556	14	6	.700
Virginia	5	4	.556	13	6	.684
NC State	5	5	.500	14	7	.667
Pittsburgh	4	5	.444	13	7	.650
Clemson	4	5	.444	10	9	.526
Boston College	4	5	.444	10	10	.500
Georgia Tech	4	6	.400	9	11	.450
North Carolina	3	6	.333	10	10	.500
Notre Dame	2	6	.250	11	8	.579
Miami	2	7	.222	10	9	.526
Wake Forest	2	7	.222	9	10	.474

Monday's Game				
North Carolina 75, NC State 65				
Tuesday's Games				
Syracuse at Clemson				
Florida St. at Virginia				
Morehouse at Georgia Tech				
Virginia Tech at Miami				
Pittsburgh at Duke				

today's Games

Wake Forest at Notre Dame, 7 p.m.

Louisville at Boston College, 9 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	Pct	W L Pct
Illinois	7	2	.778	15 5 .750
Michigan St.	7	2	.778	15 5 .750
Maryland	6	3	.667	16 4 .800
Iowa	6	3	.667	15 5 .750
Rutgers	6	3	.667	15 5 .750
Indiana	5	4	.556	15 5 .750
Wisconsin	5	5	.500	12 9 .571
Minnesota	5	5	.500	11 9 .550
Penn St.	4	4	.500	14 5 .737
Purdue	4	5	.444	11 9 .550
Ohio St.	3	6	.333	13 7 .650
Michigan	2	6	.250	11 8 .579
Nebraska	2	7	.222	17 13 .560
Northwestern	1	8	.111	6 13 .316

Monday's Game				
Iowa 68, Wisconsin 62				
Tuesday's Games				
Michigan at Nebraska				
Purdue at Rutgers				

Today's Games				
Northwestern at Michigan St., 6:30 p.m.				
Indiana at Penn St., 8:30 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
Minnesota at Illinois, 7:30 p.m.				
Iowa at Maryland, 8:30 p.m.				

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	7	0	1.000	15	4	.789
Villanova	6	1	.857	16	3	.842
Creighton	5	3	.625	16	5	.762
Butler	4	3	.571	16	4	.800
Marquette	4	4	.500	14	6	.700
Providence	4	4	.500	11	10	.524
Xavier	2	5	.286	13	7	.650
Georgetown	2	5	.286	12	8	.600
St. John's	2	6	.250	13	8	.619
DePaul	1	6	.143	13	7	.650
Tourney's Games						

Tuesday's Games				
Villanova at St. John's				
Butler at Georgetown				

Today's Games				
DePaul at Seton Hall, 6:30 p.m.				
Marquette at Xavier, 8:30 p.m.				

TENNIS

Australian Open Tuesday Results Melbourne, Australia Surface: Hardcourt outdoor				
Men's Singles Quarterfinals				
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Tennys Sandgren, United States, 6-3, 2-6, 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-3.				
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Milos Raonic (32), Canada, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (1).				

Women's Singles Quarterfinals				
Sofia Kenin (14), United States, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-4, 6-4.				
Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Petra Kvitova (7), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 6-2.				

Sofia Kenin (14), United States, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-4, 6-4.

Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Petra Kvitová (7), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

NHL							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	51	29	10	12	70	169	135
Tampa Bay	49	29	15	5	63	177	140
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	50	26	17	7	59	181	167
Buffalo	49	22	20	7	51	145	152
Montreal	51	22	22	7	51	157	161
Ottawa	49	17	23	9	43	133	167
Detroit	51	12	35	4	28	109	199

Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	50	34	11	5	73	181	146
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168	136
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159	132
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158	150
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4	50	158	159
New Jersey	49	18	24	7	43	130	176
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	50	30	12	8	68	159	137
Colorado	49	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	49	28	17	4	60	128	122
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4	54	152	160
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166
Nashville	48	22	19	7	51	158	159
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	50	28	18	4	60	165	150
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	57	155	153
Calgary	50	26	19	5	57	135	147
Arizona	51	26	20	5	57	146	138
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161	159
San Jose	51	22	25	4	48	134	169

ON THE AIR				
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)				
6:30 p.m.				
BTN — Northwestern at Michigan State				
FS1 — DePaul at Seton Hall				
SECN — Vanderbilt at Kentucky				
7 p.m.				
ACCN — Wake Forest at Notre Dame				
CBSSN — Dayton at Duquesne				
ESPN2 — Alabama at LSU				
ESPNWSN — Temple at Connecticut				
ESPNU — Memphis at Central Florida				
8:30 p.m.				
BTN — Indiana at Penn State				
FS1 — Marquette at Xavier				
SECN — South Carolina at Arkansas				
9 p.m.				
ACCN — Louisville at Boston College				
CBSSN — San Diego State at New Mexico				
ESPNU — Baylor at Iowa State				
11 p.m.				
ESPNU — Arizona State at Washington State				
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)				
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NBCSN — Richmond at Massachusetts				
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GOLF — PGA Tour: The Saudi International- al, First round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia				
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Anaheim	49	19	25	5	43	124	154
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Dallas 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT	
Toronto 5, Nashville 2	
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San Jose 4, Anaheim 2	
Tuesday's Games	
Ottawa at Buffalo	
St. Louis at Calgary	
Today's Games	
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Arizona at Anaheim, 10 p.m.	
Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at San Angeles, 10 p.m.	
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.	
Thursday's Games	
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.	
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Los Angeles at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.	

NFL At 100: From head to toe, players equipment has evolved

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — Red Grange looked more like the pilot of a single-engine air plane than a dominant halfback who once thrived in a single-wing offense.

From the crude, oblong leather helmets to the sparsely padded brown and blue vertical-striped uniforms of the Chicago Bears, it’s easy to see how equipment has drastically evolved in the NFL since the days of The Galloping Ghost in the 1920s and ‘30s.

From their heads to their toes, the players’ looks through the decades have changed so much, it’s tough to believe it’s all the same sport.

Well, sort of.

“Man, it looks like an outfit you’d wear in the wintertime,” former running back Thomas Jones said while looking of an Associated Press file photo of Grange. “I mean, I personally can’t imagine playing without a facemask, No. 1. As much as we crash into each other, the full-on collisions. It just goes to show how tough those guys were – how fearless those guys were.”

And, really, how under-equipped.

“When I see the 1920s pic, I think, they’re playing rugby,” said former offensive lineman Damien Woody, who played with New England, Detroit and the Jets from 1999-2010 and is currently an analyst for ESPN. “It doesn’t look like much protection.”

Not at all.

“That looks like it hurts,” current Jets left tackle Kelvin Beachum said while looking at the same photo. “I mean, look at that. Where are the pads? Ouch.”

Safety, of course, has played a key role in how equipment has changed over the NFL’s 100 years, with tweaks, redesigns and, in some cases, total overhauls marking eras in league history.

“Now I look at the uniforms and they’re so streamlined, it’s like a fitted suit,” said Jones, now an actor after running for 10,591 yards in 12 seasons with the Cardinals, Buccaneers, Bears, Jets and Chiefs from 2000-2011.

“From the uniforms to the shoulder pads to even the cleats, everything is just so streamlined and tailored for each player, which I love,” Jones added. “It’s like an evolution for us and that’s how it should be: Things should look better, fit better and be more safe.”

Protecting players’ heads has been at the forefront in recent years, with the league focusing on concussions and constantly evaluating the protective qualities of helmets with comprehensive tests.

While that process continues today

as companies use cutting-edge technology to balance safety with comfort, helmets have come a long way from the hardened leather versions of the 1920s.

Fibershell covering came later in that decade, molded leather in the 1930s, plastic in 1949 – with padded versions used the following year.

Plastic helmets evolved over the next several decades, with facemasks added in the 1950s and going from a single bar to full cages in the ‘70s and grills in the ‘90s. The NFL and NFL Players’ Association collaborated over the last several years to use a team of bio-mechanical engineers to test the helmets that are approved for today’s game.

“It really is amazing to see how far they’ve come from back in the day when there weren’t even any facemasks,” Beachum said.

The same sort of testing and tweaking has occurred with players’ padding, probably the second-most easily recognizable evolution of equipment over the last century.

Players wore pads made out of felt, wool and leather in the 1920s – hardly reassuring when you were trying to protect yourself from big men making big tackles.

“I have the utmost respect for those guys,” Jones said. “I also have watched a lot of old footage from the ‘50s and ‘60s, and those guys were just incredible from that era.”

By then, pads had gone from foam to hardened leather to fiber shell and then plastic.

But by the 1980s, the size of the shoulder pads, in particular, had grown to the point where it was as if players were stuffing their jerseys with hard pillows.

“I don’t even know how they were able to run or be effective doing anything,” joked former safety Kerry Rhodes, who has also made the post-football transition to Hollywood after playing for the Jets and Arizona Cardinals from 2005-12. “It’s like everything else in America: Let’s over-compensate and go big or go home!”

Check out photos of any running back or linebacker from that era, and you’ll wonder how any of them fit through most doorways.

“The bigger the shoulder pads were, the tougher you looked,” Jones said.

Just like Herschel Walker, who was a speedy but powerful running back during that era – despite shouldering a load.

Literally.

“I’m thinking how heavy those pads were, especially for a running back,” Woody said while looking at an AP file photo of Walker. “Guys want the

least amount of pads as possible today.”

That has certainly been reflected in the products equipment companies have designed in recent years by using technology to shrink the padding while also improving overall safety.

And not just on the players’ shoulders.

The pads covering ribs, abdomens, hips, thighs and knees have also undergone plenty of changes to go from bulky to barely noticeable.

During his last seven or eight years in the NFL, Jones said the only padding he consistently wore below his waist was on his thighs. But even those were modified. He would take the full thigh pads, remove the hard plastic on the inside and play with the remaining plate covering his hips.

“It’s all kind of come back full circle,” Jones said, “because it kind of went from these guys really not having much protection to guys having all the protection to me literally having just my upper body protected when I played to the way things are now.”

Jerseys have also come a long way, going from wool and cotton long-sleeved, rugby-style shirts to more breathable synthetic fabrics such as polyester to mesh – all the way to the form fitting jerseys seen on NFL fields every week that make it even tougher for players to grab hold of.

“When I came to the NFL, the jerseys were baggy and I remember hating the jerseys I had with the Arizona Cardinals because they were so baggy, the sleeves,” Jones recalled. “We would have to tape the sides of the sleeves up to the shoulder pads just so they wouldn’t hang down over our arms. And, if you lifted weights, you wanted your arms to show. Plus, it got annoying if the jersey sleeves were just dangling.

“But when I got to Tampa, from like 2000 to ‘03, the jerseys had become more fitted. My jersey was cut to my waist, so I didn’t have to tuck my jersey in. And the sleeves were already fit to my shoulders.”

Footwear also took, well, big steps over the years. High-top shoes with studs gave way to more conventional cleats – and they got lighter in the process.

Players also now have the luxury of having several different pairs of shoes stocked in their lockers, depending on the type of playing surface they’ll be on in a given game.

“I definitely think the evolution process of the NFL, from an equipment perspective,” Jones said, “has been incredible from the visors to the shoulder pads to the helmets, and everything else in between.”

Source: Astros, Baker working on manager deal

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dusty Baker is working to finalize an agreement to become manager of the Houston Astros, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not yet been completed.

The 70-year-old Baker becomes the oldest manager in the big leagues. He takes over from AJ Hinch, who was fired Jan. 13 just an hour after he was suspended for the season by Major League Baseball for his role in Houston’s sign-stealing scandal.

Baker’s hiring is a sign the AL champions want to bring an old-school mentality and stern presence to a franchise reeling from the dismissal of Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow. Baker has 22 years of managerial experience, starting in 1993 with the San Francisco Giants.

A three-time National League Manager of the Year, Baker last managed the Washington Nationals, who let him go after a 97-65 season in 2017.

Since 2018 Baker has served as a

special adviser to Giants CEO Larry Baer, working in both the baseball and business operations of the club.

Now he will chase his first title as a manager with a team that returns the bulk of its roster from last year that reached the World Series for the second time in three years before losing to the Nationals.

It’s a chance he wondered if he’d ever get. He spoke to The Associated Press about it in 2018 after he left the Nationals.

“Do you ever make peace with it?” he asked then. “You make peace but it makes you kind of lose some faith in mankind, between right and wrong. And you realize in the world, especially in this new world, there’s always been discrimination, race discrimination, but it seems like in this new world there’s age and salary discrimination, which go hand in hand.”

His hiring is a stark departure from the youth-oriented recent history of the Astros, who hired Hinch when he was just 41. Baker takes over a team that should be a favorite to contend again after winning 100-plus games in three straight seasons.

But will also be a challenge for a man who hasn’t managed for two seasons and will have to deal with the fallout from the sign-stealing saga that is certain to cast a pall over Houston’s quest to return to the World Series.

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Federer saves 7 match points in Australia; Djokovic up next

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer was not going to go gently, of course, no matter how daunting the number of match points – his opponent accumulated seven! – no matter how achy his 38-year-old legs, no matter how slow his serves, no matter how off-target his groundstrokes.

Federer still plays for the love of these stages and circumstances. Still yearns for more trophies, too. Down to his very last gasp, time and again, against someone a decade younger, 100th-ranked Tennys Sandgren of the United States, Federer somehow pulled off a memorable comeback to reach the Australian Open semifinals for the 15th time.

Despite all sorts of signs he was not quite himself for much of the match, Federer beat the biceps-baring, hard-hitting, court-covering Sandgren 6-3, 2-6, 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-3 on Tuesday in a rollicking quarterfinal that appeared to be over long before it truly was.

“For the most time there, I thought that was it. Of course, there’s little sparkles where maybe not. Then you’re like, ‘No, it IS over,’” said Federer, who only once before had won after facing as many as seven match points, equaling his personal best from all the way back in 2003. “Only maybe when I won that fourth set did I really think that, maybe, this whole thing could turn around.”

He said afterward that it had been his groin muscle that was the problem and he couldn’t be certain whether he would be fully recovered for his next match. That will come against defending champion Novak Djokovic, who overwhelmed No. 32 Milos Raonic 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (1) to improve to 10-0 against the 2016 Wimbledon runner-up.

“He was just too good,” Raonic said.

It’ll be the 50th meeting between No. 3 Federer, who has won 20 Grand Slam titles, and No. 2 Djokovic, who owns 16.

Djokovic leads their head-to-head series 26-23, including their past five matches at majors.

“Roger is Roger. You know that he’s always going to play on such a high level, regardless of the surface,” Djokovic said. “He loves to play these kind of matches, big rivalries, semis, finals of Grand Slams.”

About the only thing that slowed Djokovic’s progression to a 37th career Grand Slam semifinal – Federer earned his 46th – was the medical timeout the Serb asked for at 4-all in the third set so he could put in new contact lenses.

“It was just something I had to do,” Djokovic said, “because those few games, I really couldn’t see much.”

The last two men’s quarterfinals are Wednesday: Rafael Nadal vs. Dominic Thiem, and Alexander Zverev vs. Stan Wawrinka.

One women’s semifinal was set Tuesday: No. 1 Ash Barty, trying to become the first Australian Open singles champion from the host country since the 1970s,

against No. 14 Sofia Kenin, a 21-year-old American never before this far at any major tournament.

Wednesday’s quarterfinals are Simona Halep vs. Anett Kontaveit, and Garbiñe Muguruza vs. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

There was a lot to live up to after the drama of Federer vs. Sandgren.

“You can’t give a good player – let alone maybe the best player ever – that many chances to come back,” said Sandgren, his voice low, his eyes looking down. “They’re going to find their game and start playing well. That seemed to me what happened.”

In truth, so much had happened.

Federer got into a dispute with a line judge and the chair umpire over cursing. He left the court for a medical timeout early in the third set, then was visited by a trainer later for a right leg massage.

Sandgren was run into by a ballkid during a changeover in the tiebreaker; was distracted by a court-side broadcast commentator.

The 28-year-old from Tennessee has never been a major semifinalist and was trying to become the lowest-ranked man in the Australian Open’s final four since Patrick McEnroe – John’s younger brother – was No. 114 in 1991.

Imagine, then, the heartbreak for Sandgren, who toiled for years on lower-level tours and was so thrilled just to share the stage with Federer.

“Maybe,” Sandgren said, “I’ll get another look, another shot.”

After rolling through the second and third sets as Federer’s serve dropped from an average of 112 mph to 105 mph – “Wasn’t popping like it does normally,” Sandgren observed – and Federer’s unforced errors totaled 30, the underdog led 5-4 in the fourth set.

That’s when Sandgren earned his first trio of opportunities to complete a career-defining victory. But he missed a shot each time. There were four more match points in the tiebreaker at 6-3, 6-4, 6-5 and 7-6.

“Honestly, when they told me seven, I was like, ‘What?!’ I thought it was three,” Federer said. “It’s such a blur.”

Djokovic’s take on Federer’s comeback: “Amazing.”

Raonic’s: “Impressive.”

When Sandgren sent an overhead smash long to give Federer the fourth set. Federer quickly controlled the fifth and ended the victory with a service winner at 119 mph, a little more than an hour after first staring down defeat.

“Just seemed like his level picked up when his back was right up against the wall,” said Sandgren, who only got the chance to serve on one of those seven pivotal points. “He just wouldn’t give me anything.”

The key moment for him Tuesday came rather early: Raonic went into the quarterfinals having won all 59 of his service games in the tournament. But that streak ended at 5-4 against Djokovic. On Djokovic’s ninth break point of the match, Raonic missed a forehand to cap a 19-shot exchange, handing over the opening set.

Kobe Bryant and Philadelphia: From hero to traitor to beloved

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jeered like a traitor just a few miles from the high school where he won a state title, Kobe Bryant stewed on the bench as the final minutes of the 2002 All-Star game ticked away. Nearly every fan in Philadelphia had booed the hometown guy whenever he touched the ball.

Never one to forget a slight, Bryant was stung by the vitriol.

“I’m just out there trying to play and have a good time,” Bryant said. “My feelings are

hurt, being from Philadelphia.”

His local roots meant little to the rowdy crowd that would not forgive Bryant for comments from the previous season when the Los Angeles Lakers played the 76ers in the NBA Finals.

Bryant had warned fans that he wasn’t coming home to relive the glory years at Lower Merion High School. He proclaimed he was “coming to Philly to cut their hearts out.”

The Lakers won the championship in five games, a series that began an unforgiving attitude from Sixers fanatics that continued until Bryant’s

final NBA game in the city.

Bryant, killed at 41 in a helicopter crash Sunday, had a turbulent relationship with Philadelphia.

At his old high school in the Philadelphia suburbs, Bryant was a superstar, a friend and a benefactor who never lost ties with his beloved Aces. But after he went head-to-head with 76ers star Allen Iverson, Bryant became the All-Star fans loved to hate. They criticized his tony high school and his adopted LA swagger, saying Bryant was not as blue collar or tough as the city of his birth.

Bryant never apologized for

saying he wanted to thrash the 76ers, just as he insisted he never forgot where he came from.

He spent much of his childhood living in Italy where his father, Joe Bryant, played pro basketball for several years. When his family moved back to the United States, Bryant went to Lower Merion High School, in an affluent suburb of Ardmore about 20 minutes west of downtown Philadelphia.

Philly native and former Temple star Marc Jackson, who spent seven seasons in the NBA, remembered Bryant “getting his teeth” kicked

in during workouts with college ball prospects. The catch: Bryant was only 12.

“You could see he enjoyed it,” Jackson said Monday. “He enjoyed flourishing in that moment knowing that he was getting his teeth kicked in but it was for a purpose. He saw the other side of it and he embraced it.”

But after 2001, his relationship with local fans became strained, and when NBA Commissioner David Stern presented Bryant with the All-Star game MVP trophy in 2002, the boos were long and loud.

He wanted to cut out hearts;

the boos broke his.

“The only people that took that in a negative way were not athletes,” Jackson said. “That’s the mentality you have to have. There are no friends out there. You have to cut hearts out, period. It’s not about trying to take it easy on them because it’s friends or family.”

This week, mourners left flowers, basketballs and posters at a makeshift memorial at the gym he helped fund with a \$400,000 donation. Monday’s school day opened with 33 seconds of silence in honor of his retired Aces uniform number.

In his fiancée’s eyes, man’s secret life online is cheating

DEAR ABBY: After a long relationship, “Eric” and I plan on getting married very soon. My problem is, Eric is secretive. He keeps his phone right next to him, and before he walks into the house, he sits in his car, clearing his history. I know he looks at porn, and I’m not happy about it, but it’s the other things I’m angry and confused about.

He secretly has social media. I know he’s been sending pictures of himself to women, and they send pictures to him. Isn’t that cheating? I think secret phone and video calls to women is cheating. I saw an image of a woman’s private parts on his phone, and he told me lies about it. When I have confronted him about chatting with the other women, he gets angry and withdraws. One woman even sent me their chat history, and he lied about that, too.

Abby, I love my man, but I feel he’s cheating. I don’t know what else to do as there’s a wedding soon. — Desperate For Answers

DEAR DESPERATE: I have sad news for you. Eric isn’t “your” man. From your description, you are sharing him with heaven only knows how many others. You already know he has a problem with the truth. When you tried to do something about it, he became emotionally abusive. This is what your future will be if you marry him.

I have only three words of advice for you, and I sincerely hope you will take them to heart: CANCEL THE WEDDING!

DEAR ABBY: How do you know if a friend is actually a “frenemy”? I think my friend “Gwen” may be one.

I successfully started a second career and was doing well, but Gwen had no interest in hearing about it. She also announced her engagement on my wedding day, which diverted attention away from me on my special day.

I went through a difficult time because several family members passed away, and Gwen was neither supportive nor particularly sympathetic. Her lack of response made things even harder for me. I no longer feel like I can share my successes about saving money or getting raises, because this “friend” would be threatened by it. I almost felt Gwen was happy when I was struggling, because it made her better than I was.

Is it OK to let people go? Is this a real friend? — Friend Or Foe In California

DEAR F. OR F.: Gwen appears to have neither good judgment nor empathy. If those are qualities you value in a friend, my advice is to look elsewhere. Friends celebrate their friends’ successes and reach out to offer comfort when they suffer losses. It is not only OK to let people like Gwen drift away, but it is also healthy.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor has a 17-year-old daughter. Fifteen weekdays a month she and a boy from school come home for 30 to 50 minutes during the noon hour. (Five days a month she comes home by herself.) Her mom and dad are both at work. Do you think her parents should know about the “nooners” at their house? — Nosy Neighbor In North Carolina

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Yes, I do think you should casually ask if they are aware of it. However, when you do, make sure not to sound accusatory or judgmental — just “curious.”

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- 38 Suit part

- 40 Hooray for me! (hyph.)
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- 42 Nights before
- 46 Blaring
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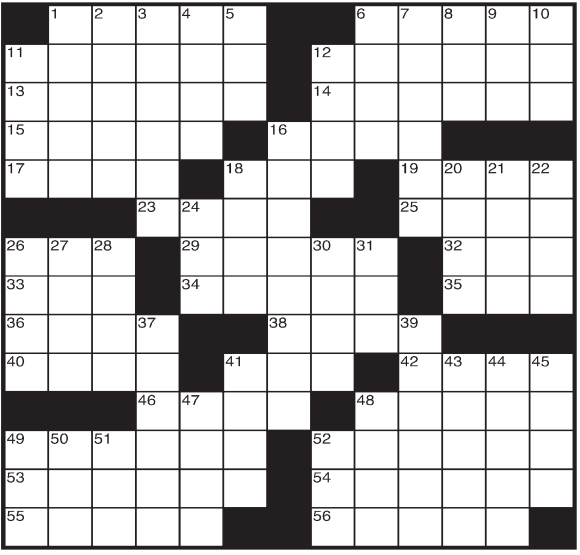
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

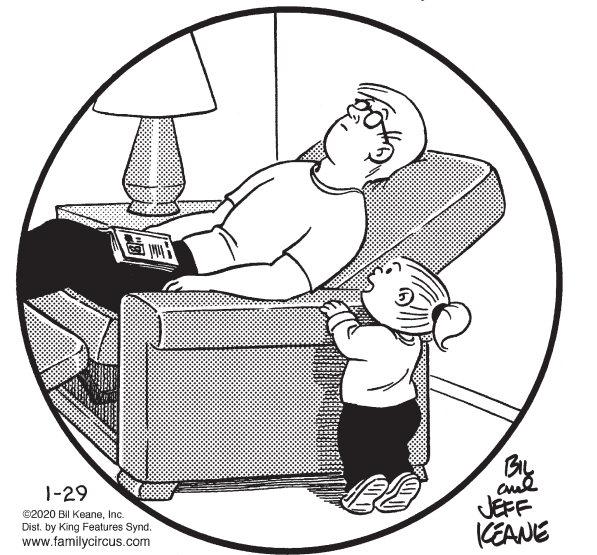


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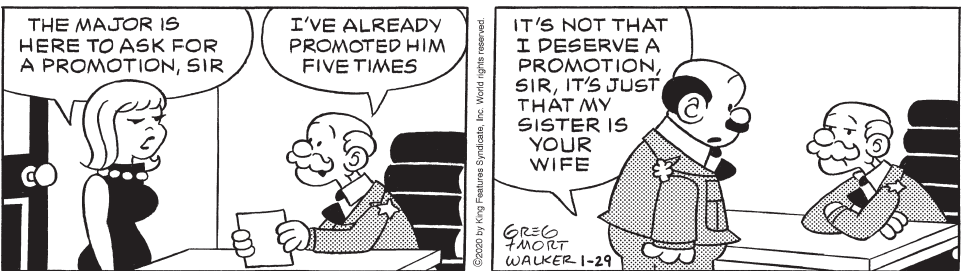
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By Bil Keane

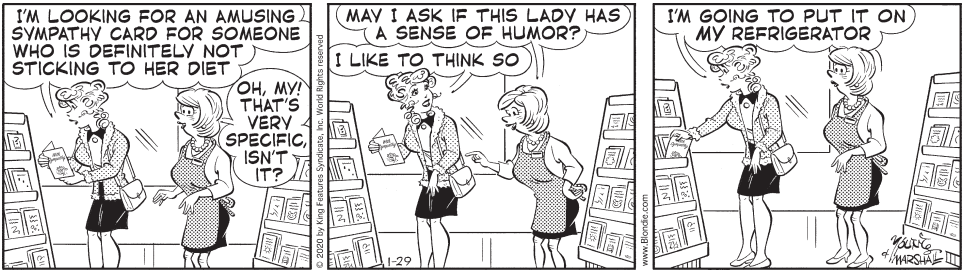


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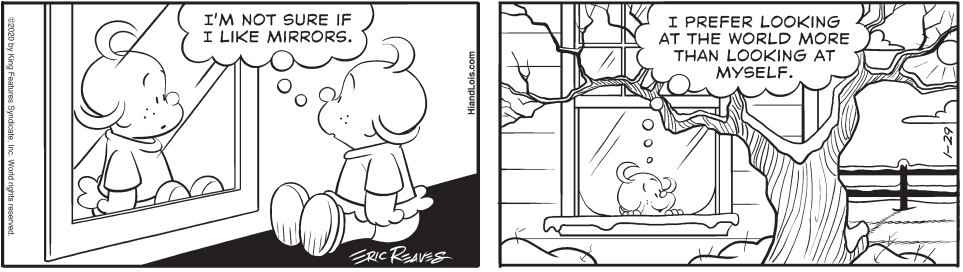
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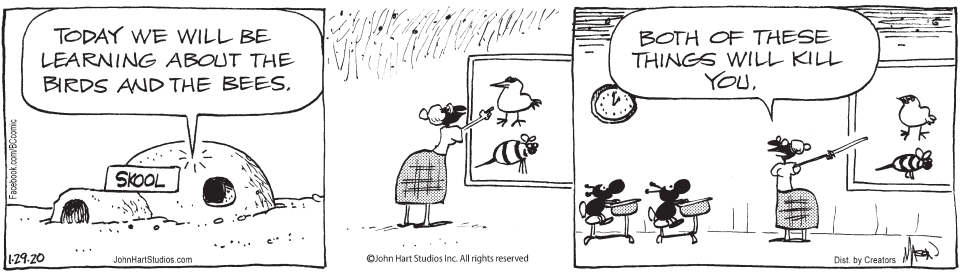
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Police cannot fight crime and the public at the same time

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: There are several generations of police officers in my family and it is astounding to see the change of public opinion regarding these brave officers that protect us. Is there hope for improvement? — P.F.

A: A young policeman was carried through the hospital doors on a stretcher. Forty minutes earlier he had tried to arrest two drunken rowdies on Market Street in the heart of downtown San Francisco. A crowd had gathered and cheered. “The people stood around gawking and laughing at me,” the officer said. “When other hoodlums tried to take away my prisoners, numbers of the crowd held my arms. One took my gun, and they let the thugs beat me. Some even joined in the

assault. Nobody tried to help me.” What’s happened to the people these days?

This injured officer was the victim of a social malady which is threatening the peace of this nation. There is a growing contempt for authority and for law. In Los Angeles, two officers arrested two boys who were creating a disturbance in an amusement park. Quickly the police were surrounded by a cursing, jeering mob of several hundred people. Bricks were hurled, bats and jack handles were wielded, and the police cars were overturned.

A police commissioner in New York City once said, “The police cannot fight crime and the public at the same time.” There are many contributing causes to the rioting and crime wave in the nation. Though the majority of Americans want law, order, peace, and security, an increasingly vocal minority is revolutionary in its attitude. Until the attitude of government, the family, the home, the church, and the court becomes predominantly righteous, our democratic form of government is in danger of being overthrown.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ A X Z K S M U H U Z K U A P J E M A H X V
U Z A T U M P H U X Z P Z G H D C Z P N X Z K J U H
X V S X M L P Z G P H M C B C Z G X E A J U H X V
G C A T C M P H U X Z . ” — G X Z X W P Z

Previous Solution: “Minneapolis just embraced me. There are a lot of weirdos here. It’s awesome, because I’m a weirdo.” — Lizzo

TODAY’S CLUE: W s i e n b e g



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